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# PRELIMINARY RESULT OF ACCOUNTOR FINAGO OY'S VOLUNTARY RECOMMENDED PUBLIC CASH TENDER OFFER FOR ALL THE SHARES AND OPTION RIGHTS IN HEEROS PLC

Accountor Finago Oy, Company release, 18 February 2025 at 11:00 a.m. (EET)

On 22 November 2024, Accountor Finago Oy (the "Offeror"), a Finnish private limited liability company, belonging to the Accountor Software group ("Accountor Software"), which is indirectly controlled by funds advised by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P. and its affiliates, and Heeros Plc ("Heeros" or the "Company") announced that they had entered into a combination agreement pursuant to which the Offeror has made a voluntary recommended public cash tender offer for (i) all the issued and outstanding shares in Heeros that are not held by the Company or any of its subsidiaries (the "Shares" or, individually, a "Share") and (ii) all the issued and outstanding option rights 1/2020 A, 1/2020 B, 1/2020 C, 2021a, 2021b, 2021c and 1/2023 in Heeros that are not held by the Company or any of its subsidiaries (the "Option Rights" or, individually, an "Option Right") (the "Tender Offer"). The Offeror has published a tender offer document dated 19 December 2024 concerning the Tender Offer and supplements to the tender offer document dated 21 January 2025 and 6 February 2025 (the tender offer document as supplemented with the aforementioned supplement documents, the "Tender Offer Document"). The acceptance period under the Tender Offer commenced on 20 December 2024 at 9:30 a.m. (Finnish time) and expired on 17 February 2025 at 4:00 p.m. (Finnish time) (the "Offer Period").

Based on the preliminary result of the Tender Offer, the 5,131,933 Shares validly tendered and not validly withdrawn in the Tender Offer represent approximately 95.73 percent of all issued and outstanding shares and voting rights in Heeros. In addition, 100.00 percent of the Option Rights have been validly tendered in the Tender Offer, which represent, together with the tendered Shares, approximately 95.99 percent of all issued and outstanding shares and voting rights in Heeros on a fully diluted basis.

The Offeror will confirm and announce the final result of the Tender Offer on or about 20 February 2025. Provided that the final result of the Tender Offer confirms that the Tender Offer has been validly accepted with respect to Shares representing together more than ninety (90) percent of the issued and outstanding shares and voting rights in the Company calculated in accordance with Chapter 18 Section 1 of the Finnish Companies Act and on a fully diluted basis, and all other conditions to completion of the Tender Offer, as set forth in the terms and conditions of the Tender Offer, continue to be fulfilled or are waived on the date of the Tender Offer's final result announcement, the Offeror will declare the Tender Offer unconditional and complete the Tender Offer in accordance with its terms and conditions.

The Offeror reserves the right to acquire, or enter into arrangements to acquire, Shares, or arrange the ownership of Shares and/or Option Rights in Heeros on or after the date of this release in public trading on First North Growth Market Finland maintained by Nasdaq Helsinki Ltd ("**Nasdaq First North**") or otherwise outside the Tender Offer to the extent permitted by applicable laws and regulations.

# INVESTOR AND MEDIA ENQUIRIES

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The Tender Offer is being made for the issued and outstanding shares and option rights of Heeros, which is domiciled in Finland, and is subject to Finnish disclosure and procedural requirements. The Tender Offer is being made in the United States pursuant to Section 14(e) and Regulation 14E under the Exchange Act, and will benefit from exemptions available to "Tier I" cross-border tender offers, and otherwise is being made in accordance with the disclosure and procedural requirements of Finnish law, including with respect to the Tender Offer timetable, settlement procedures, withdrawal, waiver of conditions and timing of payments, which are different from those of the United States. In particular, any financial information included in this announcement has been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards in Finland, which may not be comparable to the financial statements or financial information of U.S. companies

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